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 Applicants: George H. Tagawa, Kenneth K. Tagawa, Randall E. Tagawa, and
 Fred Naylor Blackmore, Jr.
 Title: Plant Punch Methods and Apparatus
 Assignee: Tagawa Greenhouses, Inc.
 Attorney Docket: TGI-Shifter-USNP
 Customer No.: 33549

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

The following documents are being filed and are enclosed herein in response to the Notification of Insufficient Fees mailed May 11, 2007:

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Respectfully Submitted,
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I, Cheryl A. Swanson, hereby certify to the truth of the following items:

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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/19/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/19/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 09/19/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/19/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/19/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 09/19/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/19/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/19/2006
- Power of Attorney filed on 09/19/2006

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$300** for a Large Entity:

- The application search fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit **\$100** to complete the search fee. Note a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.
- The application examination fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit **\$200** to complete the examination fee for a non-small entity. Note a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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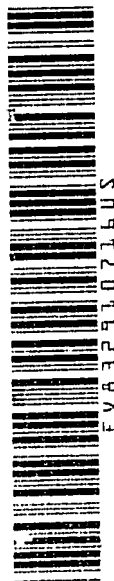
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